he is complaining that the assets of the company have been stolen by some 'X' in spite of the police guard. I am at a loss to understand how this is not a pertinent question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is a specific question. The Hon. Minister should have notice."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, the fact is that police constables were posted to guard the assets of the Tramway Company during 1953–54. Even if the question put by the hon. Member is not permissible, may I know whether the Government were aware of the fact that even in spite of police guard materials were removed from the place and may I ask under whose authority the materials were so removed?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the point is this. The Government have not taken over the properties of the Tramway Company. They belonged to the Tramway Company and, therefore, the authorised agents of the company were entitled to deal with the properties as they liked. They sold certain properties and they were removed in a legal manner. That is the subject-matter of litigation in the High Court and I think an appeal is now pending in the Supreme Court. I do not see why we should characterise this as stealing or anything of that sort."

Reorganization of co-operative societies.

* 1435 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether a committee has been constituted to go into the question of reorganization of Co-operative societies?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have constituted a Committee to review the progress made by the Co-operative Movement in this State, to inquire into its present needs, difficulties and problems and to make recommendations regarding its consolidation, development and reform."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know, Sir, when the Committee will submit its report?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, three months' time has been given."

Hindi Pandits in high schools.

* 1436 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of qualified Hindi Pandits in high schools who are paid the first grade language pandit's scale; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that want of the required number of periods of work in the higher forms is a bar to the qualified Hindi Pandits to get the first grade pandit's scale?